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Ratoath Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

9:30 a.m., 8th March 2023, Dunshaughlin Civic Offices

Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Gillian Toole**, presided

Councillors Present: Nick Killian, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor & Damien O'Reilly

Councillors Present via Zoom: none

Absent/Apologies: Cllr Brian Fitzgerald & Cllr Deirdre Geraghty-Smith

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Executive Engineer: Philip Traynor

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 1st February 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st of February 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Cllr Nick Killian** and seconded by **Cllr Maria Murphy**

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr Toole referred to the update on the lands at Drumree and requested details on the reasons and amount the lands were purchased for, at the time.

Members suggested that the site could be used by other groups instead. Dara McGowan advised that interested groups would need to make a submission to the council with their proposals.

Cllr Toole stated that more of a discussion between the members regarding the site is required and suggested it be discussed under AOB at the April meeting.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

There were no expressions of sympathy.

CLlr Toole extended congratulations to Claire King on her new role within Corporate Affairs and thanked her for her guidance and assistance.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Planning

- 4.1.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2022 and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2022 on the proposed Dunboyne Link Road - Dunboyne Business Park Road and the R157, Dunboyne, Co Meath.

The proposed development will consist of:

- The provision of a new Link Road (approximately 340m long), from the existing Dunboyne Business Park Road to a new priority junction on the R157.
- The provision of a new Access Road (approximately 50m long), to provide access to the Recycling and Civic Amenity Centre, and other adjacent landholdings.
- Provision of footpaths and raised cycle tracks on both sides of the proposed Link Road.
- Provision of a footpath on the eastern side of the proposed Recycling Centre Access Road.
- Priority junction implementation between the proposed Link Road and the R157.
- Priority junction implementation between the proposed Link Road and proposed Recycling Centre Access Road.
- Provision of off-line bus stops on both sides of the proposed Link Road.
- Public lighting, accommodation and fencing/boundary works, landscaping works, drainage/attenuation works, and ancillary infrastructure and utility works.

Development Location: Dunboyne Business Park Road and the R157, Dunboyne, Co. Meath (P822022)

Paul Phelan, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation provided the scheme overview and a summary of the submissions received during the Part 8 public consultation period. He confirmed that the report had now been completed and must be considered by councillors.



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Matters raised by the Councillors included:

- Queried how far are the traffic lights from the new junction, will this affect traffic from the business park.
- Queried the next phase of the road which may cause traffic issues/ increase in traffic levels
- Asked if the council would consider a small area of private ground remaining for future use.
- Commended the engineers for this project which will improve access to the area.
- Paul Phelan SEE noted all comments.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Cllr Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Cllr Damien O'Reilly** to proceed as per the Chief Executives recommendation.

- 4.1.2 To receive a presentation on the Joint Chief Executive's Report on the Strategic Issues Paper for the Maynooth and Environs Joint Local Area Plan 2024-2030.

Alan Russell, Senior Executive Planner, provided a presentation outlining progress to date on the pre-draft consultation for the Joint Local Area Plan. He advised that the next stage is the public consultation of the draft plan which may take place during July/August, this will depend on all documents being in order.

Matters raised by the Councillors included:

- Welcomed the report and progress to date
- On the Meath side, the main lands are located around Kilcloon/ Mulhussey with the Moygaddy/Moyglare area completed – the land in Kilcloon is zoned, have to realise what the zoning is for. Several planning applications are with ABP or on Further Information.
- Concerns that it's all housing developments in Kilcloon.
- Advised that Blackhall Gaels set up 2 subcommittees to capture the future population.
- Referred to the road safety issue at the junction at Kilcloon.
- Queried traffic calming measures for Moygaddy to Kilcloon as a community hub is located here.
- Queried if the two bends can be removed along the Carton House wall under the Part 8 realignment - advised can only progress the Part 8 in its entirety as opposed to a part of it.
- Advised that the Local Area Masterplan will have an objective in the plan for phasing of development.



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Alan Russell advised that the Chief Executive report and presentation will be circulated to the members following the meeting.

4.2 Transportation

4.2.1 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Ratoath Municipal District.

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

Matters raised by Councillors and responses provided included:

- Thanked all staff on works completed
- Referred to the issue of litter and the amount of crew time taken up- should link in with Bernadine, Environment regarding the Green Kilometre clean-up
- Welcomed the bin at the picnic bench in Dunsany
- Queried traffic congestion at Tullykane quarry, as trucks have reduced – this was a once off incident
- Referred to road verges subsiding – verges are soft this time of year
- Enquired if trees will be assessed this year – advised can deal with dangerous trees anytime.
- Referred to the 4 bins in Dunboyne Park on the list to be emptied – advised that 2 bins are being removed to other locations.
- Queried the rubbish in Castle stream that seems to be coming from the construction site- the developer has cleaned up the rubbish however its coming from up stream
- Welcomed and agreed the proposed works under the housing estates allocation - works due to commence now
- No parking signs have been erected at waste ground in the Naul and at the Toll/R147
- Meeting with Fairyhouse regarding traffic management for the Easter race meeting
- Pedestrian crossing documents completed for Dunboyne, with the crossings in Rathbeggan and Fairyhouse taking priority for completion
- Footpath development in St Seachnaill due to commence in 4-5 weeks



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- Proposal to install parking spaces and lining in Castleview carpark, no lines with random parking here
- Google map to Tayto Park is directing nonlocals to use local roads bringing them to the back entrance to the park- advised that it's difficult for Google to re-route.

4.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance

4.3.1 To discuss the 2023 Arts, Festivals, Festive Lighting & MD Renewal budget.

Audrey Norris, Corporate Services advised the members that there is the same budget of €7,500 for 2023.

On the proposal of **Cllr Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Cllr Maria Murphy**, the members agreed to allocate the same funds to the same groups as per the previous year.

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| Arts, Festivals, Festive Lighting & MD Renewal Budget | 2023: Amount Allocated €7,500 |
| Ratoath Municipal District | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skane Valley Community Council - €1,000 • Dunshaughlin Harvest Festival - €1,500 • Dunboyne Tidy Towns - €1,000 • Clonee Tidy Towns - €500 • Ratoath Tidy Towns - €1,500 • Kiltale Enhancement Group - €500 • Batterstown Village Enhancement Association - €500 • Mulhussey Parents Association - €500 • Kilcloon - €500 |

4.3.2 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Ratoath Municipal District.

The MD allocations were noted.



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5 Notice of Question

There was no notice of questions

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"I call on Meath County Council to provide additional bins in Clonee Village, to assist Clonee Tidy Towns, and also provide Kilmessan with a second solar compacting bin."

As previously confirmed, the provision of Solar compactor bins is dependent on budgets. If sufficient funding is available, the two locations will be considered for additional bins.

The motion proposed by **Cllr Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Cllr Maria Murphy**, was agreed.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"I request Meath County Council write to the Department of Education and Skills, and request this department begin the process of securing a site and seeking planning permission for a second, post-primary school for Dunboyne and its environs due to significant planned growth of population over the years ahead."

Members stated that there is a need to seek a site now as the schools are at full capacity in the area with waiting lists. This was also raised in the Dáil recently to allocate more funding. This school was excluded in the last list in 2017 as a planning application was with ABP at that time.

The motion proposed by **Cllr Damien O'Reilly** and seconded by **Cllr Maria Murphy**, was agreed.

6.3 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

"We call on Meath County Council to extend the parking area in the new extension at Rooske Cemetery."



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The Council have no proposals at this stage to extend the parking area around the recently completed extension to Rooske Cemetery. The extended area provides 32 no. carparking spaces including two disabled parking spaces and it is considered that same is adequate to cater for drivers attending funeral services in the cemetery and noting that there have been 6 burials since the extended area opened in 2022.

These new carparking spaces provide for a much more regulated and safer parking arrangement as, prior to their development, there was only roadside parking at the entrance to the Old Cemetery. It is acknowledged that demand for parking spaces far exceeds supply on occasions like Cemetery Sunday, but it is noted for such day's special arrangements are put in place by the Parish to cater for large crowds and including the utilisation of an adjacent parish owned field and the engagement of parking attendants to direct and control traffic.

Cllr Murphy advised that over 50 people died in the last year. Cars are parking on the grass verges and the graveyard could benefit with having another 20 spaces. A need to consider the area nearby with a view to extending the carpark.

Cllr O'Connor asked the number of spaces in Derrockstown cemetery.

Dara McGowan stated that the requirement can be considered over the next number of months/years as the council will be focusing on its other burial ground projects over the next 24 months.

The motion proposed by **Cllr Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Cllr Gerry O'Connor** was agreed.

6.4 Submitted by Councillor Maria Murphy

"We call on Meath County Council to pursue speed control measures such as ramps, etc. for the R149 in the area of Summerseat estate in Clonee."

The Transportation Department will arrange for a traffic speed survey to be carried out at this location. Once this has been undertaken, any traffic management measures deemed necessary will be put forward for consideration in a future programme of works.

Cllr Murphy raised concerns of the increase in traffic due to the completion of Summerseat estate. She enquired if the road sweeper could do Summerseat to the roundabout.



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The motion proposed by **Cllr Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Cllr Gerry O'Connor**, was agreed.

7 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 27th January 2023.

The minutes were noted.

7.2 To note the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting minutes of the 7th February 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Municipal District Awards Night – Thursday, 11th May 2023 at 7.00pm in Buvinda House.

Audrey Norris, Corporate Services advised that one awards night will be held for all 6 Municipal Districts. She said it's a celebration and acknowledgment of achievements by groups and/or individuals. She requested that the members submit their suggestions to her and will revert to them in April with the agreed nominations.

Cllr Reilly enquired if Dunshaughlin GAA could attend the next meeting to give a presentation – advised to complete a delegation form for consideration.

Cllr Toole referred to the Cul de Sac before the entrance to Killeen Castle which was part of a CIS years ago but is now in disrepair. The residents have requested that it be considered as a public road – this lane is on the roadworks repair list.

Dara McGown advised that the 3-acre site in Ratoath opposite Supervalu is officially owned by the Council. Currently setting out the boundary with fencing and will do an



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official launch when the site is secured. It is intended to prepare a Town Centre first plan for Ratoath to include this site and seek URDF/RRDF funds to develop the area.

The members welcomed the news and the need to communicate this to the public.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed:

Cathaoirleach